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Dr. S. Scott Shannon  
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State University of New York - College of  
Environmental Science and Forestry  
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Syracuse, NY 13210

Dear Dr. Shannon:

The Peace Corps is pleased to extend the opportunity to the College of Environmental Science and Forestry at the State University of New York to create a Peace Corps Master's International (MI) program on your campus.

Enclosed are two original Memoranda of Cooperation (MOC) signed by Aaron S. Williams, Director of the Peace Corps. Please have the signatory sign both copies, retain one original for your files, and return the second original back to us in the enclosed return envelope.

Within thirty (30) calendar days after the effective date of the MOC, the MI university coordinator should contact Jahleezah Eskew, Assistant Program Manager to update the programmatic, administrative, and promotional matters related to implementing the program, and to discuss any questions that may have arisen. She can be reached by phone at (202) 692-1443, or by email at [jeskew@peacecorps.gov](mailto:jeskew@peacecorps.gov).

All of us at the Peace Corps look forward to working with the State University of New York – College of Environmental Science and Forestry to successfully implement Master's International on your campus and welcome your students as potential Peace Corps Volunteers.

Sincerely,

Eric Goldman  
Program Manager, Master's International

cc: Shari Hubert, Director/Office of Recruiting  
Vincent Wickes, ROM/New York Regional Recruiting Office



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**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION  
BETWEEN  
THE PEACE CORPS  
AND  
THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK -  
COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND FORESTRY**

This Memorandum of Cooperation (this "MOC") sets forth the understanding of the Peace Corps, an independent agency of the Federal government, and the State University of New York - College of Environmental Science and Forestry (the "University") for a Master's International program (the "Program"). The Program will serve to advance the goals of the Peace Corps under its charter: to help the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women; to help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served; and to help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans. The Program will also advance the goals of the University: to provide an opportunity for students to combine academic course work with practical field experience and to enhance ongoing international activities at the University. The parties agree that the Program will also contribute to more effective Volunteer service in the environment/natural resource sector.

**I. THE PROGRAM**

**A. ESTABLISHMENT**

The University will continue to maintain the Program as a component of the degree program(s) as set forth below. Students (the "Program Participants") successfully completing the Program will receive the degree(s) as set forth below. The Program will be housed within the University as set forth below. Details of the course work for the degree program(s) in the Program are set forth in Appendix A. Students are required to meet core academic requirements of their respective programs before Peace Corps service. Credit will be granted for Peace Corps service.

**B. EXPANSION**

In the event that the parties agree to expand the degree offerings of the University under the Program, the parties will execute an addendum to this MOC and attach descriptions of such additional offerings. Furthermore, all new offerings under the Program will be governed by and subject to the provisions of this MOC.

4. To publicize the Program to students, the community, and the general public.
5. To submit to Peace Corps, for its review, brochures, press and other materials provided to students and the public describing the Program prior to public distribution. The University and the Peace Corps will mutually approve these materials.
6. To recruit, screen, and admit (where approved by the University and the Peace Corps under their respective requirements) candidates to the Program, and graduate those who successfully complete the requirements of the Program.
7. To assist Program Participants, where appropriate, in arranging for tuition support, scholarships, tuition forgiveness and other forms of financial support in accordance with applicable University policies. Program Participants shall be responsible for their own tuition, living, and related expenses while attending the University. The University shall provide information on all funding sources for Program Participants.
8. To award students academic credit for time served as a Peace Corps Volunteer. The amount of credit units awarded shall be at the discretion and determination of the University.
9. To establish and maintain a Master's International Program Web page that provides a direct link to the Peace Corps' Master's International Web page. The University Coordinator will conduct a semi-annual review of the University's MI Web page to ensure that Program information is accurate and current. The University Coordinator will inform the Peace Corps Coordinator of the Program (the "PC Coordinator") of any needed changes.
10. To comply with all applicable laws.

#### **B. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PEACE CORPS**

The Peace Corps agrees:

1. To designate a PC Coordinator to provide general guidance and to work with the University Coordinator implementing the Program.
2. To identify and designate annual Volunteer assignments for qualified applicants to the Program.
3. To provide the University, as requested, with appropriate verification (pursuant to Peace Corps regulations and policies) of Volunteer service.

8. The University will extend to its Program Participants when possible:
- Tuition waivers (including but not limited to out-of-state tuition waivers) during a Program Participant's Peace Corps service;
  - Reduced or waived fees for Program Participants during their final semester after Peace Corps service;
  - Receipt of credit for language skills gained during Peace Corps service; and
  - Eligibility for all applicable funding sources.

### **III. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **A. EFFECTIVE DATE; TERM**

This MOC is effective for five (5) years upon the signature of the parties. This MOC supersedes any and all other memoranda of cooperation, agreements, documentation, and writings regarding the Master's International program signed by the parties.

#### **B. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

The obligations of the parties hereto are subject to the availability of funds.

#### **C. OBJECTIVES AND PROGRESS REPORT**

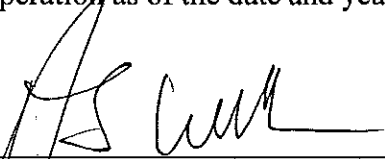
No later than sixty (60) calendar days after the effective date of this MOC, the University Coordinator shall communicate, either via letter or e-mail, with the Master's International Manager to confirm programming details and to address any administrative, programmatic, promotional or other concerns that may arise regarding the Program.


No later than thirty (30) days after the start of each new term, the University Coordinator shall provide to the Master's International Manager an electronic list of the names and status of all current Program Participants.

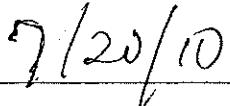
On an annual basis, the University shall complete and submit to the PC Coordinator a progress report on its Program, which identifies Program strengths and weaknesses, and the extent to which goals for the Program were achieved during the previous year, and sets forth recommendations, if any, for changes in the Program.

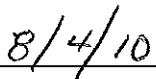
regarding the Program. Should the University or such individuals do so, third parties will be clearly advised that such views or initiatives are completely independent of, and not on behalf of, the Peace Corps or otherwise in the Peace Corps' name.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Memorandum of Cooperation as of the date and year set forth below.

  
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Aaron S. Williams  
Director  
Peace Corps

  
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Bruce C. Bongarten, Provost and  
Vice President for Academic Affairs  
State University of New York

  
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Date

  
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cc: S. Scott Shannon, Dean of Instruction & Graduate Studies and MI Coordinator  
Carolyn Salter, International Program Coordinator  
John Turbeville, Career Planning & Development Officer

## APPENDIX A

1. Environmental Studies; housed in the College of Environmental Science and Forestry; Master of Professional Studies in Environmental Studies, Environmental Science, Forest Resources Management, or Environmental and Resources Engineering, option in Forest Engineering to be received upon graduation.

The course will consist of a minimum of 30 to 39 credit hours, depending on the program pursued. The degree program will consist of 3 to 4 semesters of academic study, and at least 6 credit hours for Peace Corps service.

## CURRICULUM

### *Environmental Studies Master of Professional Studies – Peace Corps Master’s International Option*

The Master of Professional Studies (MPS) degree in Environmental Studies is a 39 credit hour experience blending academic and professional coursework with application to environmental affairs and sustainability. The Peace Corps Master’s International Option provides an opportunity for students to undertake a unique synthesis component in international volunteer service. The degree program will consist of at least 3 semesters of academic study, and at least 6 credit hours of Peace Corps service.

#### Core (18 credits)

- EST 696. Peace Corps MI Pre-Service Seminar (0)
- EST 600. Foundations of Environmental Studies (3)
- EST 608. Environmental Advocacy Campaigns and Conflict Resolution (3)
- EST 612. Environmental Policy and Governance (3)
- EST 626. Concepts and Principles of Sustainable Development (3)
- EST 640. Environmental Thought and Ethics (3)
- EST 650. Environmental Perception and Human Behavior (3)

Natural Sciences (3 credits) All students take one natural science course. Typically this would be one of the following courses, though alternatives may be considered in consultation with the major professor.

- EFB 516 Ecosystems (3)
- EFB 518 Systems Ecology (4)
- EFB 523. Tropical Ecology (3)
- EFB 600. Toxic Health Hazards (4)
- EFB 611. Topics in Environmental Toxicology (3)
- EFB 623. Marine Ecology (5)

Research / Technical Methods (6 credits) All students take two research or technical methods courses, typically from the following list and typically to support their learning objectives:

- APM 635. Multivariate Statistical Methods (3)
- EFB 519. Geographic Modeling (3)
- ERE 550. Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (3)
- EST 550. Environmental Impact Analysis (3)
- EST 604. Social Survey Research Methods for Environmental Issues (3)
- EST 605. Qualitative Methods (3)
- EST 702. Environmental and Natural Resource Program Evaluation (3)
- FOR 556. Introduction to Raster GIS Analysis (3)
- FOR 557. Practical Vector GIS (3)

***Forest Resources Management Master of Professional Studies– Peace Corps Master’s International Option***

The Master of Professional Studies (MPS.) degree in Forest Resources Management is a 30 credit-hour coursework-based degree that enables students to increase, define, and integrate their natural science and social science knowledge and expertise in forest and natural resources management. The degree is designed to be the first professional degree in forest and natural resources management. It is appropriate for students with a baccalaureate degree in a natural resources-related discipline interested in enhancing their knowledge of forest and natural resources management, and for students with other baccalaureate degrees seeking an expertise in forest and natural resources management. At least 24 course credits must be taken in residence at ESF. The Peace Corps Master’s International Option provides an opportunity for students to combine a blended academic/professional degree program with a unique synthesis component in international volunteer service. The degree program will consist of at least 2 semesters of academic study, and at least 6 credit hours of Peace Corps service.

**Required Courses (15 credits)**

- FOR 796 - Peace Corps MI Pre-Service Seminar (0)
- FOR 560 Principles of Management (or equivalent) (3)
- FOR 690 Capstone in Natural Resources Management (3)
- Environmental or scientific writing or demonstrated writing skills (3)
- Graduate Statistics (3)
- Research Methods (3 credits) Statistics, Quantitative Methods, or GIS

**Area of study or concentration courses (15 credits)**

- Course work can be chosen from one of 4 areas of study: 1) Ecology and Ecosystems, 2) Management, 3) Economics, Governance and Human Dimensions, and 4) Monitoring, Analysis and Modeling
- FOR 898 - Professional Experience in the Peace Corps (5)
- FOR 796. Special Topics – Peace Corps MI Capstone Synthesis Report & Presentation (1)

***Environmental Resources Engineering - Master of Professional Studies– Peace Corps Master’s International /Environmental Management Option***

The Master of Professional Studies (MPS) degree in Environmental Resources Engineering is designed to enhance technical and problem-solving skills in applications including brownfield development and management of hazardous wastes, solid waste, energy resources, and water resources. The Peace Corps Master’s International/Environmental Management Option provides an opportunity for students to combine traditional environmental engineering coursework with business management and environmental law or policy. This program provides breadth and perspective for the



- FOR 558. Advanced Topics in GIS (3)
- LSA 500. Computer Graphics I (3)
- LSA 501. Computer Graphics II (3)
- LSA 552. Graphic Communication (3)
- LSA 640. Research Methodology (3)

Generalized / Thematic Area (6 credits) All students take two courses in consultation with their major professor. The thematic area should be used to substantively prepare the student for the Peace Corps MI synthesis experience.

Peace Corps MI Synthesis (6 credits)

- EST 898. Professional Experience in the Peace Corps (5)
- EST 796. Special Topics – Peace Corps Capstone Synthesis Report & Presentation (1)

***Environmental Science Master of Professional Studies – Peace Corps Master's International Option***

The Master of Professional Studies (MPS) degree in Environmental Science is a 39 credit-hour experience aimed at professional applications of environmental knowledge. The Peace Corps Master's International Option provides an opportunity for students to combine a blended academic/professional degree program with a unique synthesis component in international volunteer service. The degree program will consist of at least 3 semesters of academic study, and at least 6 credit hours of Peace Corps service.

Required Courses (21 credits)

- ENS 696 - Peace Corps MI Pre-Service Seminar (0)
- Applied Social Sciences in the following categories: environmental policy and regulation, and democratic processes. (9 credits)
- Environmental Science (6 credits)
- Methods Courses emphasizing applications of technical knowledge (6 credits)

Area of Study (12 credit hours) Environmental Communication, Environmental Policy and Democratic Processes, Environmental and Community Land Planning, Environmental Systems and Risk Management, or Water and Wetland Resource Studies.

Peace Corps MI Synthesis (6 credits)

- ENS 898. Professional Experience in the Peace Corps (5)
- ENS 796. Special Topics – Peace Corps MI Capstone Synthesis Report & Presentation (1)

student aspiring to managerial responsibility in public or private employment, with a unique synthesis component in international volunteer service. The degree program will consist of at least 2 semesters of academic study, and at least 6 credit hours of Peace Corps service.

Required Courses (24 credits)

- Engineering (12 credits)
- Natural Sciences (3-6)
- Resource Management (3-6)

Peace Corps MI Synthesis (6 credits)

- ERE 898. Professional Experience in the Peace Corps (5)
- ERE 796. Special Topics – Peace Corps MI Capstone Synthesis Report & Presentation (1)